

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. (GA-02) announced today that the House of Representatives on Tuesday voted unanimously to pass H. RES. 385, a bipartisan resolution to celebrate the life and work of Millard Fuller, the founder of Habitat for Humanity and the Fuller Center for Housing.

Congressman Bishop sponsored the resolution in honor of Mr. Fuller, who passed away on February 3, 2009. Fuller was a longtime resident of Georgia's Second Congressional District. Upon introduction, the resolution had 68 original co-sponsors.

"Throughout his life, Millard Fuller's talent and passion were put on display in no small number of ways," Bishop said in his remarks before the vote. "Although he obtained a great fortune from his tireless efforts as a businessman, he soon found that in order to live a life of fulfillment, he had to dedicate himself to a simple life of devotion and service to a higher purpose. As this resolution is voted on today, let us seek to emulate Millard Fuller's passion for the good and the just, and his selfless pursuit of a better, gentler world."

Since its founding in 1976, Habitat for Humanity has built more than 300,000 houses around the world, providing more than 1.5 million people in 3,000 communities with safe, decent, affordable shelter.

The Fuller Center for Housing, created in 2005, partners with community churches, schools, businesses and civic organizations to build decent, affordable homes for people who are unable to secure adequate housing by conventional means.